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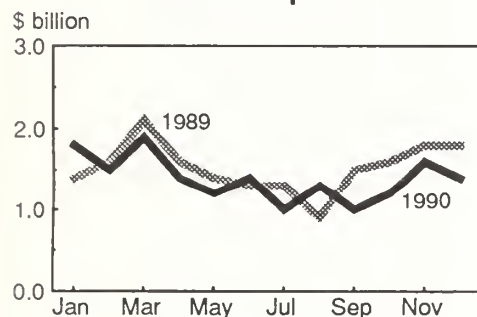
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U.S. Agricultural Trade Update

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Trade Surplus



Agricultural Trade Surplus Falls in December - The U.S. agricultural trade surplus fell slightly in December, by \$246 million from the previous month. Exports fell 10 percent, while imports declined slightly. At \$1.4 billion, the trade surplus was down from November, but above last summer's seasonal lows. However, the cumulative surplus for calendar 1990 was \$1.6 billion below its 1989 level, totaling \$16.6 billion (table 3). December's surplus also remained short of year-earlier levels.

Agricultural Exports Lower in December - Smaller shipments of most products reduced exports by \$336 million in December to \$3.2 billion. Decreased shipments of wheat, corn, and soybeans accounted for much of the decline. Lower meat exports and seasonal declines in fruits, nuts, and vegetables also pushed exports down. Higher exports were reported for cotton, live animals, and tobacco.

For all of 1990, exports totaled \$39.3 billion, 1.5 percent below 1989's January-December total. During 1990, reduced bulk commodity exports offset continued gains in high-value products. Wheat exports fell \$2 billion, corn exports fell \$551 million, and soybean exports fell \$393 million. Products showing gains in 1990 included cotton, \$532 million, horticultural products, \$1.4 billion, and animal products, \$315 million.

Although shipments fell, *corn* remained the largest farm export in December, with exports totaling \$378 million and 3.6 million tons. Japan remained the largest market for U.S. corn, at more than 1 million tons. Taiwan and Eastern Europe remained large markets, although shipments fell from November. Other important markets included Korea, Egypt, Spain, Mexico, and the USSR. However, shipments to the USSR totaled only 210,000 tons in December 1990. They were more than 10 times higher, totaling 3 million tons, a year earlier.

Soybean exports fell slightly in December, to 1.5 million tons and \$343 million. Exports fell only 246,000 tons as higher shipments to Japan and the European Community partly offset lower

shipments to Taiwan and Korea. For all of 1990 there was little change in soybean exports compared with 1989, totaling 15.4 million tons, 300,000 tons higher than in 1989. But they were \$393 million lower in value.

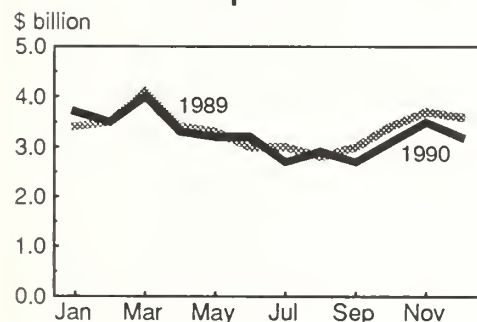
In an even sharper decline than soybeans, *wheat* exports fell \$56 million and 568,000 tons between November and December. December wheat exports totaled \$179 million and 1.5 million tons. The largest customers during December were Japan and Algeria. Egypt, Korea, Jordan, China, and the European Community (EC) also accounted for large shipments.

Wheat exports fell substantially for 1990, declining more than \$2 billion and nearly 9 million tons. China accounted for much of 1990's volume drop, taking about 3.7 million fewer tons. Exports to the USSR fell about 1.6 million tons, and exports to both South Asia and North Africa each fell more than 1 million tons. Lower prices added to the decline in value, as the average value of U.S. wheat exports slipped from \$161 per ton in 1989 to \$140 in 1990. Wheat prices fell fairly steadily through 1990 as world production reached a record high.

Agricultural Imports Slightly Lower in December - U.S. agricultural imports fell \$91 million to \$1.8 billion in December. During all of 1990, agricultural imports totaled \$22.8 billion, 5 percent above 1989. Imports fell in December as lower sugar, meat, tobacco, and other imports offset increases for coffee, fruits, and vegetables. (Stephen MacDonald, 202-219-0822)

Leading Markets in 1990 - Japan remained the largest single foreign market for U.S. farm products during 1990, with exports totaling \$8.1 billion (table 4). A change in reporting procedures in January 1990 boosted Canada to second position. Prior to the new reporting system, agricultural exports to Canada had been undercounted by about \$1 billion annually for several years. The USSR dropped to fifth place in 1990 from second place in 1989.

Exports



Imports

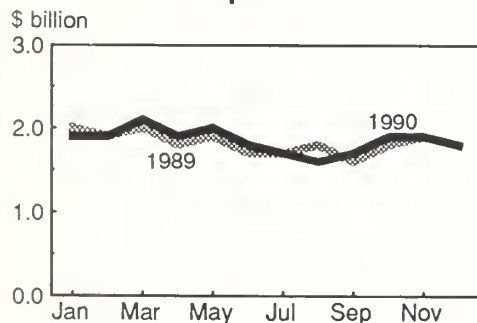


Table 1--U.S. agricultural exports: Quantity and value by commodity

Commodity group and unit	January-December				December			
	Thousand Units		\$ Thousands		Thousand units		\$ Thousands	
	1989	1990	1989	1990	1989	1990	1989	1990
Total agricultural exports (NA)	--	--	39,933,249	39,347,012	--	--	3,568,403	3,164,008
Animals and animal products (NA)	--	--	6,377,622	6,692,153	--	--	539,640	544,469
Animals live - excl poultry (NA)	--	--	408,891	412,565	--	--	53,124	56,157
Cattle and calves - live (NO)	169	120	108,346	88,473	11	12	8,870	8,454
Horses, mules, burros-live (NO)	42	85	247,497	267,380	3	7	39,828	42,945
Swine - live (NO)	93	57	13,728	10,136	7	7	1,094	1,161
Sheep and lambs, live (NO)	330	473	10,998	15,705	42	43	1,293	1,424
Other live animals (NA)	--	--	28,322	30,871	--	--	2,039	2,173
Meats and meat products (MT)	916	855	2,347,633	2,557,697	77	70	177,563	213,344
Beef and veal (MT)	389	348	1,419,619	1,580,201	31	28	103,631	128,586
Beef and veal - fresh or froz (MT)	380	340	1,392,786	1,545,293	30	27	100,877	125,089
Beef - prepared or preserved (MT)	9	8	26,833	34,908	1	1	2,754	3,497
Horsemeat-fresh, chill, froz (MT)	59	55	134,205	155,808	5	5	11,218	14,035
Pork (MT)	93	82	329,640	326,892	9	8	27,903	30,162
Pork - fresh or frozen (MT)	79	67	298,742	287,519	7	7	24,684	25,744
Pork - prep or pres (MT)	13	15	30,897	39,373	1	2	3,219	4,418
Variety meats, edible offals (MT)	264	251	375,962	387,369	19	20	27,087	30,972
Other meats - fresh or prep (MT)	112	119	88,207	107,427	14	9	7,723	9,588
Poultry and poultry products (NA)	--	--	712,816	930,702	--	--	61,060	71,687
Poultry - live (NA)	--	--	81,609	101,218	--	--	6,934	7,590
Baby chicks (NO)	34,538	44,382	69,690	84,874	3,317	4,341	5,976	6,879
Other live poultry (NA)	--	--	11,919	16,344	--	--	958	711
Poultry meats (MT)	433	597	508,498	697,148	42	45	44,152	52,540
Chickens - fresh or froz (MT)	379	530	426,601	566,406	38	39	37,701	41,895
Turkeys - fresh or frozen (MT)	18	25	24,416	33,418	2	2	2,155	3,430
Other poultry - fresh or froz (MT)	13	13	15,986	15,263	1	1	893	1,060
Poultry meats - prep or pres (MT)	22	29	41,495	82,061	2	3	3,403	6,155
Feathers and downs, crude (MT)	2	2	32,024	30,357	0	0	2,946	1,815
Eggs (NA)	--	--	90,685	101,979	--	--	7,028	9,743
Dairy products (NA)	--	--	416,009	325,233	--	--	31,757	16,655
Evap & condensed milk (MT)	14	4	20,074	3,588	0	0	217	244
Nonfat dry milk (MT)	117	8	102,301	13,061	0	0	364	353
Butter & anhydrous milkfat (MT)	25	57	53,326	88,639	2	1	15,406	1,754
Cheese (MT)	10	12	24,787	38,726	1	1	2,575	2,767
Whey, fluid or dried (NA)	--	--	40,819	39,228	--	--	2,592	3,572
Other dairy products (NA)	--	--	174,700	141,991	--	--	10,603	7,965
Fats, oils, and greases (MT)	1,369	1,174	512,224	423,835	122	105	43,728	38,418
Lard (MT)	55	53	25,981	24,505	5	7	2,229	3,119
Tallow - inedible (MT)	1,086	919	390,719	311,596	93	82	31,554	28,646
Other animal fats & oils (MT)	228	202	95,524	87,734	24	16	9,946	6,653
Hides and skins, incl furs (NA)	--	--	1,717,159	1,750,917	--	--	146,677	120,775
Cattle hides - whole (NO)	26,344	24,024	1,343,858	1,337,378	2,173	1,835	117,306	100,446
Other cattle hides - pieces (NA)	--	--	39,481	31,687	--	--	3,520	2,163
Other hides & skins, ex furs (NA)	--	--	178,475	237,569	--	--	16,980	14,403
Furskins (NA)	--	--	155,345	144,284	--	--	8,871	3,763
Mink pelts (NO)	3,264	4,794	97,203	103,242	122	92	3,375	2,544
Other furskins (NA)	--	--	58,142	41,042	--	--	5,495	1,219
Wool and mohair (MT)	7	7	39,667	25,486	1	0	3,781	998
Sausage casings (MT)	10	13	31,608	32,273	1	1	3,711	2,783
Bull semen (NA)	--	--	52,985	57,835	--	--	7,359	5,357
Misc animal prods - other (NA)	--	--	138,630	175,610	--	--	10,879	18,294
Grains and feeds (MT)	119,365	104,410	17,187,027	14,403,958	10,943	7,150	1,494,141	920,363
Wheat, unmilled (MT)	36,365	27,384	5,862,960	3,830,390	2,225	1,535	362,141	179,137
Wheat flour (MT)	1,130	834	258,288	183,474	71	89	15,017	15,454
Bulgur wheat (MT)	16	10	2,937	2,091	0	0	38	7
Other wheat products (MT)	14	19	11,917	18,558	2	2	1,353	2,570
Rice-paddy, milled, parboiled (MT)	3,047	2,529	970,881	800,823	263	293	82,921	77,297
Feed grains and products (MT)	66,975	61,446	7,869,714	7,151,560	7,302	4,344	831,333	458,677
Feed grains (MT)	66,538	60,985	7,731,985	7,027,263	7,273	4,311	821,480	448,380
Barley (MT)	1,720	2,158	210,879	245,635	216	265	26,368	25,043
Corn (MT)	56,445	52,045	6,579,575	6,027,756	6,563	3,598	740,648	377,903
Grain sorghums (MT)	8,282	6,764	931,176	751,793	493	447	54,360	45,397
Oats (MT)	12	10	1,616	1,374	1	0	104	38
Rye (MT)	80	7	8,739	704	0	0	7	0
Feed grain products (MT)	436	461	137,729	124,296	29	33	9,853	10,297
Popcorn (MT)	73	73	41,140	41,296	4	7	2,427	3,619
Blended food products (MT)	205	306	58,311	87,157	3	8	846	2,319
Other grain products (MT)	527	580	289,251	439,509	28	34	21,784	36,592
Feeds & fodders, ex oilcake (MT)	11,014	11,230	1,821,627	1,849,099	1,044	838	176,281	144,692
Corn by-products (MT)	5,155	5,785	751,811	789,405	528	437	76,746	63,409
Alfalfa meal and cubes (MT)	539	538	79,538	86,189	58	38	8,615	6,372
Beet pulp (MT)	559	549	70,428	66,734	36	59	3,838	6,626
Citrus pulp pellets (MT)	679	552	81,259	61,563	14	60	1,513	6,473
Other feeds and fodders (MT)	4,082	3,805	838,590	845,208	408	244	85,568	61,811
Fruits and preps, excl juices (MT)	2,110	2,483	1,567,113	2,009,049	153	202	110,122	155,635
Fruits - fresh (MT)	1,789	2,093	1,132,846	1,486,489	128	166	73,343	111,418
Fruits - fresh citrus (MT)	1,012	993	576,920	565,796	57	77	32,924	44,127
Grapefruit - fresh (MT)	485	321	241,613	178,496	26	32	14,043	17,374
Lemons and limes - fresh (MT)	137	141	101,481	103,381	8	8	4,606	4,526
Oranges and tangerines-fresh (MT)	389	531	232,467	283,286	24	37	14,221	22,152
Fruits - fresh noncitrus (MT)	776	1,100	555,925	920,693	70	89	40,419	67,291
Apples - fresh (MT)	268	379	133,959	213,358	44	51	21,684	31,233
Grapes - fresh (MT)	136	206	132,114	215,929	9	16	9,003	18,541
Other noncitrus - fresh (MT)	372	515	289,852	491,407	18	22	9,757	17,517
Fruits - dried (MT)	165	212	267,990	318,329	14	22	24,430	28,433
Raisins - dried (MT)	93	121	150,010	176,178	8	11	12,905	13,973
Prunes - dried (MT)	63	80	101,189	118,398	6	10	9,935	12,373
Other dried fruits (MT)	10	11	16,791	23,754	1	1	1,590	2,087

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Commodity group and unit	January-December				December			
	Thousand Units		\$ Thousands		Thousand units		\$ Thousands	
	1989	1990	1989	1990	1989	1990	1989	1990
Fruits, canned, excl juice (MT)	75	86	76,251	91,247	5	7	5,296	7,082
Fruits - frozen, excl juice (MT)	32	39	31,550	41,980	2	3	2,350	3,158
Other fruits - prep or pres (MT)	49	52	58,477	71,003	4	4	4,704	5,544
Fruit juices, incl frozen (HL)	5,008	6,352	268,490	351,055	365	528	19,727	28,714
Orange juice (HL)	2,822	3,535	137,831	176,848	208	336	10,795	16,573
Other fruit juices (HL)	2,186	2,817	130,660	174,207	158	192	8,932	12,141
Wine (HL)	744	920	93,440	120,431	47	59	6,434	8,308
Nuts and preparations (MT)	491	555	845,957	975,777	46	47	65,469	87,477
Almonds (shelled basis) (MT)	158	188	491,873	564,193	12	20	37,189	55,705
Peanuts, shelled or prep (MT)	244	267	165,944	176,979	30	20	17,493	12,657
Walnuts, shelled/unshelled (MT)	67	63	120,794	130,204	3	3	5,357	7,080
Pecans, shelled or unshelled (MT)	4	8	10,678	30,217	0	1	783	2,128
Other nuts, shelled or prep (MT)	17	29	56,668	74,184	1	4	4,647	9,908
Vegetables and preparations (NA)	--	--	1,600,654	2,302,199	--	--	147,535	210,261
Vegetables - fresh (MT)	691	1,297	329,493	696,250	47	123	22,609	63,256
Celery - fresh (MT)	63	101	19,890	36,834	6	12	1,778	4,432
Cauliflower - fresh (MT)	30	58	17,898	37,242	4	6	2,227	4,681
Lettuce - fresh (MT)	155	239	49,084	114,373	10	28	3,831	10,229
Onions - fresh (MT)	85	148	22,045	46,916	9	20	2,218	6,357
Potatoes - fresh (MT)	118	148	44,330	61,443	3	5	1,114	2,068
Tomatoes - fresh (MT)	80	133	51,183	84,828	7	12	4,682	7,966
Other fresh vegetables (MT)	160	469	125,062	314,615	9	40	6,760	27,523
Vegetables - frozen (MT)	279	316	209,330	255,875	24	24	17,675	19,482
Corn, sweet, frozen (MT)	55	59	41,667	47,515	5	5	3,820	3,894
Potatoes - frozen (MT)	165	191	111,165	141,422	15	14	9,867	10,548
Other frozen vegetables (MT)	59	66	56,498	66,939	4	5	3,989	5,041
Vegetables - canned (MT)	153	213	140,279	184,085	14	20	13,340	18,366
Pulses (MT)	545	678	297,738	353,888	68	71	40,337	37,169
Dried beans (MT)	367	497	232,040	285,132	44	61	30,917	32,800
Dried peas (MT)	128	121	40,641	39,629	19	6	6,681	2,477
Dried lentils (MT)	50	60	25,057	29,128	5	4	2,739	1,892
Hops, incl hop extract (MT)	15	11	85,703	76,535	1	1	5,841	7,445
Other veg - prep or pres (NA)	--	--	538,111	735,565	--	--	47,732	64,543
Oilseeds and products (MT)	21,733	21,865	6,312,748	5,682,428	2,475	2,009	608,251	496,604
Oilcake and meal (MT)	4,659	4,838	1,201,685	1,017,253	530	401	114,411	81,170
Soybean meal (MT)	4,529	4,570	1,181,495	980,830	519	380	112,698	78,574
Other oilcake and meal (MT)	130	268	20,190	36,423	11	22	1,713	2,596
Oilseeds (MT)	15,596	15,813	4,238,816	3,855,264	1,831	1,542	430,853	369,550
Soybeans (MT)	15,043	15,351	3,942,468	3,549,508	1,790	1,502	406,953	343,034
Sunflowerseeds (MT)	91	101	46,311	57,179	7	13	3,421	7,589
Peanuts, incl oilstock (MT)	53	63	39,497	43,270	6	4	4,711	3,049
Other oilseeds (MT)	345	220	100,341	65,266	22	16	5,474	4,562
Protein substances (MT)	64	78	110,200	140,041	6	7	10,294	11,317
Vegetable oils (MT)	1,478	1,214	872,248	809,911	114	65	62,987	45,884
Soybean oil (MT)	700	536	358,723	312,930	51	6	23,702	3,927
Cottonseed oil (MT)	209	146	102,427	71,007	18	21	7,584	9,721
Sunflower oil (MT)	216	148	107,992	81,702	20	7	10,464	3,617
Corn oil (MT)	174	204	108,912	137,609	14	19	9,015	13,576
Other veg oils & waxes (MT)	178	179	194,194	206,665	10	12	12,222	15,042
Tobacco - unmanufactured (MT)	220	223	1,301,173	1,441,116	20	31	112,965	193,184
Tobacco - light air-cured (MT)	49	52	339,745	358,219	1	1	6,538	6,394
Tobacco - flue cured (MT)	121	131	785,448	885,148	15	25	95,441	171,517
Other tobacco - unmanufactured (MT)	50	40	175,980	197,749	3	4	10,986	15,273
Cotton, excluding lint (MT)	1,533	1,696	2,250,118	2,782,682	149	167	250,048	282,794
Cotton lint (MT)	48	37	18,886	15,813	5	4	1,892	1,579
Essential oils (MT)	14	14	179,616	183,467	1	1	11,814	16,163
Seeds - field and garden (MT)	512	550	509,058	583,766	48	48	80,204	70,345
Sugar and tropical products (MT)	--	--	697,300	876,821	--	--	59,679	75,891
Sugar and related prods (MT)	--	--	309,806	436,231	--	--	23,824	40,035
Sugar - cane or beet (MT)	424	465	157,362	193,381	30	44	11,674	16,920
Related sugar prods (MT)	--	--	152,445	242,850	--	--	12,150	23,115
Coffee (MT)	18	16	94,942	87,806	2	1	11,012	6,187
Cocoa (MT)	10	23	24,991	56,585	1	2	3,595	4,129
Chocolate and preparations (MT)	55	53	157,047	181,173	5	5	14,419	17,263
Tea and mate' (MT)	7	9	31,198	42,441	1	1	3,130	3,016
Spices (MT)	9	13	24,491	35,924	1	1	1,693	2,530
Rubber - crude natural (MT)	31	17	50,366	33,306	1	1	1,775	2,611
Other misc veg prods (MT)	37	32	217,536	244,131	2	3	20,327	24,048
Nursery and greenhouse products (NA)	--	--	116,641	200,554	--	--	10,201	15,442
Beverages, excl juices (NA)	--	--	389,867	481,614	--	--	29,953	32,733
Selected non-ag exports (NA)	--	--	11,940,336	13,817,512	--	--	933,137	1,199,210
Fertilizers (NA)	--	--	2,850,777	2,606,377	3	4	171,505	278,188
Fish and shellfish (MT)	622	885	2,280,810	2,785,413	33	45	109,450	131,406
Fish - fresh or prepared (MT)	419	660	1,380,814	1,719,141	23	18	59,109	50,983
Shellfish (MT)	120	151	614,716	803,103	8	12	38,842	65,995
Other fish products (MT)	83	74	285,280	263,169	3	15	11,499	14,429
Agricultural chemicals (MT)	281	276	1,321,655	1,344,509	16	15	97,657	98,946
Fungicides (MT)	25	23	148,240	194,486	1	2	13,994	17,126
Herbicides (MT)	132	126	664,179	608,489	8	3	49,980	30,854
Insecticides (MT)	56	56	211,244	242,251	2	4	11,609	15,745
Other pesticides (MT)	68	71	297,992	299,284	4	7	22,074	35,221
Farm machinery (NA)	--	--	1,854,718	2,041,022	--	--	139,687	148,880
Tractors & self-prop mach (NO)	26	30	597,214	671,158	3	2	47,251	45,276
Other ag machinery & parts (NA)	--	--	1,257,504	1,369,864	--	--	92,436	103,604
Tobacco - manufactured (NA)	--	--	3,632,375	5,040,190	--	--	414,838	541,789

Preliminary data. NA = Not available. Zeroes in quantity columns represent none or less than 500 units.

Table 2--U.S. agricultural imports: Quantity and value by commodity

Commodity and unit	January-December				December			
	Thousand units		Thousand dollars		Thousand units		Thousand dollars	
	1989	1990	1989	1990	1989	1990	1989	1990
Total agricultural imports (NA)	--	--	21,749,032	22,771,123	--	--	1,749,781	1,810,181
Noncompetitive ag imports (NA)	--	--	6,124,847	5,545,762	--	--	401,976	453,885
Bananas & plantains (MT)	3,097	3,269	870,769	937,972	249	268	69,847	77,207
Coffee, incl prods (MT)	1,208	1,214	2,431,899	1,915,409	103	99	151,830	161,756
Cocoa & prods (MT)	569	716	976,545	1,071,800	37	49	60,653	79,541
Tea (MT)	93	83	139,330	147,862	7	8	12,468	11,833
Spices (MT)	110	109	275,470	247,899	9	9	20,018	20,297
Rubber & allied gums - crude (MT)	917	840	957,735	707,068	62	76	51,793	64,150
Silk - raw (MT)	0	0	12,760	8,570	0	0	1,479	444
Wool, unmfng - carpet (MT)	17	12	58,137	36,249	1	0	3,238	929
Fibers, excl cotton (MT)	105	99	47,495	44,760	7	6	3,401	2,949
Essential oils (MT)	18	32	135,144	154,485	2	1	10,764	11,211
Drugs - crude natural (MT)	44	61	218,521	273,015	3	5	16,354	23,556
Other noncompetitive imports (NA)	--	--	1,040	671	--	--	131	11
Competitive ag imports (NA)	--	--	15,624,185	17,225,361	--	--	1,347,804	1,356,295
Animals & prods (NA)	--	--	5,065,805	5,639,355	--	--	503,214	472,543
Animals-live, ex poultry (NO)	2,701	3,078	823,745	1,131,514	363	318	118,517	115,518
Cattle (NO)	1,459	2,135	661,932	978,297	270	249	103,127	102,266
Horses & mules (NO)	11	11	54,638	55,821	1	1	6,456	6,513
Swine (NO)	1,075	890	100,705	95,302	88	65	8,407	6,588
Sheep, live (NO)	142	25	5,683	1,777	3	2	207	95
Meats & prods, ex poultry (MT)	1,110	1,165	2,546,564	2,926,395	93	96	235,754	238,577
Beef & veal (MT)	708	767	1,661,607	1,870,663	63	67	159,809	161,104
Beef & veal - fr or froz (MT)	639	699	1,467,713	1,668,665	56	62	138,907	143,531
Beef & veal - prep or pres (MT)	70	68	193,894	201,998	7	5	20,901	17,573
Pork (MT)	346	349	753,858	939,592	25	25	64,736	67,693
Pork - fr or froz (MT)	226	234	394,185	511,240	16	17	31,780	37,241
Pork - prep or pres (MT)	120	116	359,673	428,352	9	8	32,956	30,452
Mutton goat & lamb (MT)	21	19	43,343	39,664	2	2	3,616	3,766
Mutton goat & lamb-fr/frz (MT)	21	19	43,343	39,664	2	2	3,616	3,766
Variety meats - fr or froz (MT)	13	12	22,070	21,120	1	1	1,498	2,082
Other meats - fr or froz (MT)	3	1	19,219	7,475	0	0	1,078	1,052
Other meats & prods (MT)	19	16	46,453	47,788	2	1	5,017	2,882
Poultry and prods (NA)	--	--	135,742	122,835	--	--	10,671	7,331
Poultry - live (NA)	--	--	17,652	15,138	--	--	1,418	1,218
Poultry meat (MT)	3	4	14,223	19,178	0	0	878	919
Eggs (NA)	--	--	27,849	23,617	--	--	1,756	1,168
Feathers & down - crude (MT)	13	11	76,017	64,903	1	1	6,619	4,025
Dairy products (NA)	--	--	857,489	910,746	--	--	83,720	68,055
Milk & cream, fr or dried (MT)	16	16	16,520	16,043	2	1	1,938	608
Butter & butterfat mixtures (MT)	3	2	4,813	4,396	1	1	1,369	1,842
Cheese (MT)	127	137	381,039	439,256	16	11	46,687	37,753
Casein & mixtures (MT)	84	88	402,295	381,356	6	5	29,689	21,037
Other dairy prods (NA)	--	--	52,822	69,696	--	--	4,037	6,815
Fats, oils, & greases (MT)	14	21	13,395	15,826	1	2	1,050	1,554
Hides & skins (NA)	--	--	216,119	171,296	--	--	16,775	11,835
Sheep & lamb skins (MT)	7	7	37,651	31,463	0	0	2,900	1,840
Other hides & skins (NA)	--	--	60,431	61,588	--	--	4,469	4,631
Furskins (NA)	--	--	118,037	78,244	--	--	9,406	5,364
Wool - unmfng, apparel grades (MT)	48	31	246,478	134,224	5	2	22,211	9,039
Sausage casings (MT)	14	13	63,685	53,294	1	1	3,331	3,881
Bull semen (NA)	--	--	3,034	3,067	--	--	262	182
Misc animal prods (NA)	--	--	159,553	170,159	--	--	10,922	16,572
Vegetable prods (NA)	--	--	10,558,380	11,586,006	--	--	844,591	883,752
Grains & feeds (MT)	3,684	3,529	1,217,141	1,182,842	312	342	100,989	101,502
Wheat, ex seed (MT)	333	633	57,309	79,855	33	73	4,919	8,205
Corn, unmilled (MT)	48	40	18,506	5,147	1	1	117	108
Oats, unmilled (MT)	1,294	915	156,132	84,201	113	79	11,871	8,411
Barley, unmilled (MT)	254	218	44,271	33,984	23	28	4,039	3,551
Rice (MT)	122	148	59,978	71,241	9	13	4,818	6,390
Biscuits & wafers (MT)	165	155	339,514	340,681	12	12	26,244	28,117
Pasta & noodles (MT)	135	145	117,778	136,217	12	12	10,879	11,941
Other grains & preps (NA)	--	--	177,735	171,542	--	--	14,784	14,907
Feeds & fodders, ex oilcake (MT)	1,028	972	245,918	259,973	86	88	23,318	19,872
Fruits & preps (MT)	1,883	1,970	1,093,548	1,228,352	120	137	74,488	85,991
Fruits - fr or froz (MT)	1,341	1,460	681,344	806,749	74	96	38,066	51,533
Strawberries (MT)	42	47	35,157	44,704	2	2	2,295	2,435
Apples, fresh (MT)	116	106	46,633	40,252	3	6	1,569	1,866
Citrus, fresh (MT)	75	101	18,585	28,654	12	17	3,925	6,113
Grapes, fresh (MT)	281	374	220,326	280,663	10	16	9,892	13,910
Mangoes (MT)	52	59	42,220	58,157	0	0	98	533
Melons (MT)	489	436	127,488	123,364	27	30	7,029	9,523
Pineapples (MT)	101	116	42,866	46,971	8	9	3,200	3,510
Other fruits - fr or froz (MT)	186	221	148,069	183,983	12	16	10,058	13,642
Fruits - prep or pres (MT)	542	510	412,204	421,604	46	41	36,423	34,458
Pineapples - canned or prep (M	302	281	173,029	171,077	23	23	13,151	14,170
Other fruits - prep or pres (M	239	229	239,175	250,526	23	18	23,272	20,288
Orange juice (HL)	14,722	17,876	443,427	640,969	1,837	1,079	46,209	26,475
Other fruit juices (HL)	12,663	15,240	283,116	348,869	988	1,624	23,242	39,254
Nuts & preps (MT)	137	161	343,525	401,401	14	16	29,642	44,701
Brazil nuts (MT)	7	12	17,748	18,460	1	0	2,049	1,205
Cashew nuts (MT)	49	55	211,438	229,834	4	5	13,187	23,210
Chestnuts (MT)	4	3	10,359	9,159	1	1	1,281	2,043
Coconut meat (MT)	48	49	38,071	40,055	5	5	3,977	3,802
Filberts (MT)	1	0	1,474	795	0	0	110	120
Macademia nuts (MT)	2	2	21,314	23,162	0	1	783	4,844
Pistachio nuts (MT)	2	1	6,547	4,211	0	0	1,680	94
Other nuts (MT)	24	38	36,574	75,724	4	5	6,576	9,383

Table 2--U.S. agricultural imports: Quantity and value by commodity - continued

Commodity and unit	January-December				December			
	Thousand units		Thousand dollars		Thousand units		Thousand dollars	
	1989	1990	1989	1990	1989	1990	1989	1990
Vegetables & preps (NA)	--	--	2,048,724	2,268,035	--	--	175,833	186,520
Vegetables - fr or froz (MT)	1,895	1,807	982,840	1,203,908	182	164	92,926	91,888
Tomatoes (MT)	394	361	229,928	377,680	21	20	13,653	10,603
Asparagus (MT)	16	20	19,278	28,597	1	1	1,648	1,825
Beans (MT)	26	20	22,961	23,058	3	3	2,962	3,196
Carrots (MT)	57	56	11,863	12,646	8	6	1,158	1,769
Cucumbers (MT)	205	179	90,257	68,952	37	29	13,906	10,815
Eggplant (MT)	17	16	9,642	16,917	2	2	1,867	1,372
Garlic (MT)	17	18	14,291	17,202	1	0	744	77
Lettuce (MT)	27	13	9,406	5,049	2	1	757	486
Onions (MT)	163	170	65,037	77,062	12	9	6,355	8,472
Peas, incl chickpeas (MT)	45	38	46,599	44,939	3	3	4,088	3,450
Peppers (MT)	140	136	110,945	158,918	14	13	10,207	12,328
Potatoes (MT)	278	282	76,880	84,811	25	29	6,460	7,007
Squash (MT)	79	78	36,530	44,676	12	11	6,132	7,001
Other vgs - fr or froz (MT)	431	419	239,223	243,402	41	35	22,987	23,489
Vegetables-prep/pres (NA)	--	--	1,065,884	1,064,127	--	--	82,907	94,632
Olives - prep or pres (MT)	70	67	145,020	136,308	7	6	14,321	12,376
Mushrooms, canned (MT)	57	47	137,456	119,371	3	5	8,329	11,166
Hops, incl extract (MT)	6	8	26,106	37,418	0	1	919	3,261
Artichokes - prep (MT)	18	16	35,260	28,647	1	5	2,317	8,427
Asparagus - prep (MT)	2	1	3,029	1,899	0	0	471	34
Tomatoes, incl paste & sauce (175	147	161,050	129,123	9	6	9,836	5,143
Waterchestnuts (MT)	31	34	24,055	26,635	2	2	1,933	1,676
Beans & peas, dried (MT)	64	58	35,471	32,729	3	3	1,860	1,852
Other vegetables-prep/pres (NA)	--	--	498,437	551,997	--	--	42,922	50,698
Sugar & related prods (NA)	--	--	955,707	1,171,788	--	--	58,988	69,605
Sugar - cane & beet (MT)	1,569	1,856	592,974	776,521	85	91	34,271	37,909
Molasses (HL)	6,789	8,393	59,381	81,327	482	631	2,384	7,788
Confectionery prods (MT)	105	107	180,806	194,708	8	8	13,894	14,500
Other sugar & related prods (MT)	282	265	122,545	119,233	18	20	8,439	9,408
Spices (MT)	19	20	34,639	28,823	1	1	1,708	1,547
Tobacco - unmf (MT)	182	187	550,734	583,347	16	10	41,977	32,438
Tobacco - filler (MT)	167	169	531,983	567,352	16	9	41,036	31,506
Tobacco - scrap (MT)	13	18	5,855	7,156	1	1	397	276
Other tobacco (MT)	2	1	12,896	8,839	0	0	544	655
Beverages, ex fruit juices (HL)	13,898	13,692	1,842,025	1,900,895	985	997	138,982	147,084
Wine (HL)	2,842	2,510	930,041	916,864	242	190	76,511	78,387
Malt beverages (HL)	10,257	10,382	854,521	922,934	682	739	58,159	64,020
Other beverages (HL)	799	800	57,463	61,097	62	68	4,312	4,676
Oilseeds & prods (MT)	1,877	2,027	915,648	949,236	181	158	87,889	74,747
Oilseeds & oilnuts (MT)	469	510	173,513	195,912	47	34	16,476	11,028
Flaxseed (MT)	172	101	57,227	29,105	16	16	4,921	3,342
Sesameseed (MT)	41	43	39,962	56,869	3	3	3,771	3,201
Other oilseeds & oilnuts (MT)	257	366	76,324	109,938	28	15	7,784	4,485
Oils & waxes-vegetable (MT)	1,054	1,201	680,466	705,295	103	101	66,490	60,541
Castor oil (MT)	38	31	34,495	29,609	4	0	3,902	16
Coconut oil (MT)	392	452	186,564	160,637	57	59	26,216	17,234
Olive oil (MT)	81	97	153,902	202,333	8	11	16,378	23,837
Palm oil (MT)	108	131	40,277	34,754	7	6	2,160	1,588
Palm kernel oil (MT)	155	154	79,478	58,881	11	3	5,702	1,458
Other vegetable oils (MT)	280	335	185,749	219,081	16	22	12,132	16,407
Oilcake & meal (MT)	354	316	61,670	48,029	30	23	4,923	3,178
Cotton, excl linters (MT)	1	0	3,276	484	0	0	18	0
Cotton linters (MT)	15	28	6,238	19,460	1	1	671	938
Seeds - field & garden (MT)	156	168	183,908	166,283	9	8	12,024	12,938
Cut flowers (NA)	--	--	299,969	312,028	--	--	22,631	24,502
Nursery stock, bulbs, etc. (NA)	--	--	199,287	215,422	--	--	17,568	18,292
Other vegetable prods (MT)	40	46	137,467	167,772	2	5	11,731	17,219
Selected non-ag imports (NA)	--	--	10,173,185	10,035,876	--	--	786,060	848,691
Fertilizers (MT)	41,576	17,568	1,624,714	1,512,392	1,110	1,441	117,855	131,823
Potassium (MT)	6,397	7,119	565,365	558,484	460	626	39,357	50,359
Phosphate (MT)	3,998	4,723	336,122	323,936	358	377	22,462	26,786
Fish (MT)	1,473	1,379	5,418,856	5,214,235	106	107	424,978	467,431
Fish fresh or prep (MT)	1,040	920	2,745,418	2,600,722	73	68	200,362	211,773
Shellfish (MT)	353	346	2,623,234	2,555,079	32	31	221,923	250,109
Fish prods, other (MT)	80	112	50,204	58,435	1	8	2,693	5,549
Ag chemicals (MT)	91	93	496,169	496,312	7	7	35,138	34,004
Fungicides (MT)	15	23	50,259	54,044	1	1	2,540	3,287
Herbicides (MT)	25	25	158,861	144,191	2	2	8,744	8,091
Insecticides (MT)	3	3	35,306	31,528	0	0	943	2,206
Other pesticides (MT)	49	42	251,743	266,549	4	4	22,911	20,420
Farm machinery (NA)	--	--	2,545,843	2,718,633	--	--	199,939	206,990
Tractors & self-prop mach (NO)	1,529	1,634	1,154,948	1,392,219	177	130	94,991	111,118
Other ag mach & parts (NA)	--	--	1,390,896	1,326,414	--	--	104,948	95,872
Tobacco - mfg (NA)	--	--	87,603	94,303	--	--	8,150	8,443

1/ Excludes quantity data on anhydrous ammonia in 1989/90. All other statistics are preliminary.
 NA = Not available. Zeroes in quantity columns represent none or less than 500 units.

Table 3--U.S. agricultural trade summary (\$ Million)

Item	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year to date	Chg. fm. prev. yr.
					Percent
Agricultural exports	3,082	3,500	3,164	39,347	-1.5
Imports (c.i.f.)	1,989	2,030	2,030	24,546	1.8
Imports (Customs val.)	1,922	1,901	1,810	22,771	4.7
Trade Balance:					
Exports minus cif imports					
Imports	1,093	1,470	1,134	14,802	20.4
Exports minus Customs valued imports	1,161	1,600	1,354	16,576	13.1
Preliminary data.					

Table 4--U.S. agricultural export markets, CY 1988-1990

Destination	1988	1989	1990
	---\$ Million---		
Japan	7,640	8,162	8,057
Canada 1/	2,019	2,221	4,197
South Korea	2,274	2,593	2,645
Mexico	2,235	2,724	2,553
USSR	2,252	3,587	2,262
Taiwan	1,661	1,754	1,660
Netherlands 2/	2,058	1,722	1,582
Germany 3/	1,248	1,075	1,158
Spain	883	820	937
China	758	1,435	814

1/ Excludes unreported exports in 1988 and 1989.

2/ Not adjusted for transshipments.

3/ Includes German Dem. Rep.

Table 5--U.S. agricultural exports (\$ Million)

Commodity group	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year to date	Change from prev. year
					Percent
Total	3,082	3,500	3,164	39,347	-1.5
Live animals	128	35	64	3,514	-4.7
Meat & preps	298	304	266	3,255	14.0
Dairy prod & eggs	30	30	26	427	-15.7
Animal fats	23	33	38	424	-17.3
Hides & skins	124	135	121	1,751	2.0
Wheat	268	235	179	3,830	-34.7
Rice	85	73	77	801	-17.5
Corn	301	453	378	6,028	-8.4
Other feed grains	80	76	70	1,000	-13.3
Animal feeds	229	260	226	2,866	-5.2
Soybeans	194	399	343	3,550	-10.0
Vegetable oils	67	49	46	810	-7.1
Horticult. prods.	722	681	593	6,824	29.4
Cotton & linters	138	271	284	2,798	23.3
Tobacco, unmg.	106	181	193	1,441	10.8

Preliminary data.

Table 6--U.S. agricultural imports (\$ Million, Customs value)

Commodity group	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year to date	Change from prev. year
					Percent
Total	1,922	1,901	1,810	22,771	4.7
Live animals	105	126	117	1,147	36.3
Meat & preps.	262	253	239	2,946	15.0
Dairy prod, eggs	76	86	69	934	5.5
Grains & feeds	125	117	102	1,183	-2.8
Fruits & nuts	272	255	274	3,558	17.2
Vegetables	139	150	187	2,268	10.7
Vegetable oils	71	55	61	705	3.6
Wine	126	127	78	917	-1.4
Malt beverages	81	79	64	923	8.0
Coffee	163	115	162	1,915	-21.2
Cocoa	84	81	80	1,072	9.8
Rubber, natural	47	69	64	707	-26.2
Sugar-cane & beet	58	70	38	777	31.0
Tobacco, unmg.	49	43	32	583	5.9
Seeds, flowers	61	73	56	694	1.5

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